

**House File 2281 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 592)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to video and telephonic hearings in judicial  
2 proceedings.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.1601A Video and telephonic  
2 hearings in judicial proceedings.

3     1. Upon motion of any of the parties, an arraignment,  
4 pretrial conference, scheduling conference, or any other  
5 noncontested judicial proceeding shall be conducted by  
6 videoconference or telephone with the parties and other  
7 participants.

8     2. Upon motion of any of the parties, a hearing in a  
9 judicial proceeding may be conducted by videoconference or  
10 telephone with the parties and other participants if the  
11 hearing is conducted in an efficient manner and the hearing  
12 does not prejudice a substantial right of either party.

13                                     EXPLANATION

14             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16     This bill relates to video and telephonic hearings in  
17 judicial proceedings.

18     The bill provides that upon motion of any party, an  
19 arraignment, pretrial conference, scheduling conference, or  
20 any other noncontested judicial proceeding shall be conducted  
21 by videoconference or telephone with the parties and other  
22 participants. Upon motion of any party, a hearing in a  
23 judicial proceeding may be conducted with the parties and other  
24 participants by videoconference or telephone when the hearing  
25 can be handled efficiently and a substantial right of a party  
26 is not prejudiced.